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SUBJ: PART TWO OF HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

REF: A) MANILA 1411; B) STATE 013084

1. DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSES TO FOUR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

CONTAINED IN HIRC CHAIRMAN'S OCTOBER 5 LETTER TO SECRETARY,
WHICH WERE RELEASED BY HIRC JANUARY 15, RECEIVED FRONT-PAGE
COVERAGE IN MANILA PRESS FEBRUARY 15-17. STORIES BORE SUCH
HEADLINES AS QUOTE STATE DEPARTMENT REFUTES REPORT ON
TORTURE UNQUOTE (TIMES JOURNAL) AND QUOTE NO TORTURE OF
DETAINEES IN RP, SAYS STATE DEPARTMENT UNQUOTE (DAILY
EXPRESS). NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS BASED ON SLANTED PNA WIRE
REPORT FROM WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 15 BY ALBERTO ALFARO WHICH
BEGINS: QUOTE A NEWLY-DECLASSIFIED STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT
HAS REFUTED AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S FINDINGS ON THE EXTENT
OF TORTURE OF PRISONERS IN THE PHILIPPINES UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: THIS APPEARS TO BE AN INEPT GOP PLOY TO TAKE
THE STING OUT OF THE PUBLICITY GENERATED BY THE EARLIER
HIRC/DEPARTMENT REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE PHILIPPINES
AND OTHER COUNTRIES RELEASED AT THE BEGINNING OF JANUARY.

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